

Overview of National, Provincial & Territorial Networks to Prevent Abuse of Older Adults

The following is a brief overview of the various national, provincial and territorial networks established to raise awareness about and prevent abuse of older adults. Not all jurisdictions have a formal network established and the ones that do exist are quite varied. However, the overarching mission of all is to eliminate abuse of older adults in our communities and institutions across the country. For more information on any of the information, please visit their websites.

Canada Wide:

Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (CNPEA)

Overview

The CNPEA is a national non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of the abuse of older people in Canada. Founded in 1998, it has been federally incorporated since 2000.

Mission

Connect people and organizations, foster the exchange of reliable information, and advance program and policy development on issues related to preventing the abuse of older adults. We do this work at the local, regional, provincial/territorial, and national levels.

Values/Principles

Collaboration & Coordination

Respect & Inclusivity

Leadership & Communication

Credibility & Accountability

Innovation

Strategic Objectives for 2014-2017

Share programs and resources focusing on the abuse of older adults.

- Create forums to discuss and exchange knowledge about preventing the abuse of older adults.
- Build partnerships with stakeholders, governments, and organizations across sectors and disciplines that support the strategic goals.

Knowledge Sharing Project

The CNPEA Knowledge Sharing Project is a three-year initiative to support the exchange of ideas and resources among key stakeholders throughout Canada who are working to prevent and respond to elder abuse. Key goals of the Knowledge Sharing Project:

1. Create mechanisms for sharing information about promising approaches in elder abuse prevention and response. This website exists to realize that goal. It is a national electronic hub for connecting service providers and seniors' organizations. The hub will serve as a central point of contact for elder abuse information and resources across Canada.
2. Increase the capacity of organizations and networks to prevent and respond to cases of elder abuse, by
 - facilitating access to reliable information and key resources
 - connecting stakeholders to each other through the hub

Provincial:

Alberta Elder Abuse Awareness Council (AEAAC)

Overview

AEAAC is a group of Albertans dedicated to increasing awareness and supporting a community response to elder abuse. Canada's fastest growing population is over the age of 65 and rapidly becoming vulnerable to abuse that can rob older adults of their well-being, dignity, and their lives.

Mission

We are a network of Albertans dedicated to increasing awareness and supporting a community response to elder abuse.

Vision

All Albertans understand elder abuse and are aware of, and have access to, resources available to address it.

BC Association of Community Response Networks (BCACRN)

Overview

Community Response Networks (CRN's) are members of, and are supported by the BC Association of CRN's. The Association is a registered non-profit society and charitable organization. CRN's are the Association's local presence in communities, which we believe will be needed in communities until we have prevented adult abuse/neglect. The Association supports its local CRN members by providing a website, monthly teleconference, bulletins, CRN Mentors' Team, workshops, cross-province projects, and a coordinated approach to fundraising.

The BCACRN connects with other provincial and regional bodies to jointly work toward the prevention of abuse and neglect of all adults 19 and older and to address systemic issues raised by local CRN's that impact how adults who may be vulnerable to abuse or neglect get help. CRN's are referenced in BC's Adult Guardianship Legislation in related Act: Support and Assistance for Abused and Neglected Adults. CRN's were developed in relation to the implementation of this Act.

Purpose/goals

The purposes of the Association are:

- To promote safe communities, through the development of networks where individuals and private and public-sector organizations can participate in activities to prevent abuse, neglect, and self-neglect of adults
- To support communities in their responses to adults who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing abuse, neglect, or self-neglect
- To sustain these community networks by establishing a diversified funding base or their activities
- To support other initiatives that benefit adults experiencing or at risk of experiencing abuse, neglect, or self-neglect
- To receive gifts, bequests, funds and property, and to hold, invest, administer and distribute funds and property for the purposes of the Association, and
- To do all such other things as are incidental and ancillary to the attainment of the foregoing purposes and the exercise of the powers of the Association.

Prevent Elder Abuse Manitoba (PEAM)

Overview

PEAM is a partnership of Manitoba-based organizations. The Network's goals are:

- To act as a central point of contact for provincial efforts
- To support regional and community initiatives to prevent abuse of older adults and to raise public awareness of elder abuse throughout the province

Mission

To act as a central point of contact for provincial efforts and to support regional and community initiatives to prevent abuse of older adults.

New Brunswick – no official network

Newfoundland and Labrador Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (NLNPEA)

Overview

NLNPEA came into being in 2010 with funding from the HRSDC New Horizons for Seniors Program. It had its inaugural meeting in October 2010. However, this organization has its roots when the Seniors Resource Centre of Newfoundland & Labrador formed the Interagency Elder Abuse Committee in 1992. It developed a strategic plan to address elder abuse in Newfoundland & Labrador in 1995. In 2006, the committee changed its name to the Elder Abuse Committee of Newfoundland & Labrador to reflect its expanded membership and provincial structure. The HRSDC funding in 2010 enabled the committee to develop into a provincial network.

Mission

To provide information and support to individuals and organizations (from both community and government) working to prevent elder abuse and/or provide services to those affected by this issue.

Values

NLNPEA believes that older adults should be respected, valued, and have the opportunity to be engaged in all aspects of society. This can be achieved through supporting respectful relationships, choice, collaboration, and lifelong learning.

Nova Scotia – No official network

Nunavut – No official network

Elder Abuse Networks in Ontario (as found on Elder Abuse Ontario website)

Greater Toronto Area Networks

Central East Networks

Central West Networks

East Networks

West Networks

North East Networks

North West Networks

There are many, many different networks within Ontario and each region listed above. Check out this link: <http://www.elderabuseontario.com/links/elder-abuse-networks-in-ontario/>

Prince Edward Island Centre on Health & Aging – Abuse of Older Adults Awareness Network (upcoming project by University of PEI)

Quebec – No official network

Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism (SSM)

Overview

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The SSM is a non-profit, volunteer organization. It acts as an umbrella to bring together Saskatchewan seniors' organizations to contribute to a better quality of life for our province's older adults.

Mission

To bring together Saskatchewan seniors' organizations for the purpose of contributing to a better quality of life for seniors. We do this by:

- Researching and acting on issues affecting seniors
- Being a unified voice advocating for seniors
- Engaging and supporting member organizations
- Partnering with member organizations and others
- Creating awareness and co-ordination of resources and services for seniors

Yukon – No official network